

REMARKS

New method for treating claim 11 is essentially the same as the original cancelled claim 9, and has been rejoined with allowable claims 1 and 4-8 pursuant to the Examiner's comments in the Official Action mailed October 17, 2002 regarding an election/restriction requirement for original claims 1-10.


It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is introduced and this amendment is merely of a formal nature.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or believes further discussion will aid examination and advance prosecution of the application, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-3880. If any extensions or fees are not accounted for, such extension is requested and the associated fee should be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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